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University of Saskatchewan

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

September 18th, 1916.

Dear President Falconer,

Many thanks for the copy of your address on Progress. I read it through last evening with very much pleasure. I think it is one of the best things that you have ever done.

I suppose that you are back in the midst of academic work and worry. I hope that Mrs. Falconer and the children have enjoyed their summer at the lakes. Mrs. Murray and I took a ten days trip to Banff and the mountains, and found it exceedingly enjoyable.

I notice that our anti-union friends have met in Alberta and British Columbia, and that the Albertans indulged in the usual charges of dishonesty. I think we made a mistake in not forcing them to show up what was behind their statements at the Assembly. Some of these men have

no sense of responsibility, and feel that all that is necessary for them to do is to make outrageous statements without even a thought of proof.

That was a very clever article prepared by Tertius that appeared in The Presbyterian. I would like to congratulate the writer of it, whoever he is, on the skill and subtletyof his criticisms.

We are getting the report of the Universities' Congress in shape for printing. The other day I saw President Tory, and he thought that it seemed wise for us to print the interim reports, brief as they are. They should at least be placed on record and would be available for further investigations. Tory is putting the matriculation report into better shape. If you think that this is not wise, kindly write; otherwise I will go ahead.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

W. Murray

President R. A. Falconer,
The University,
Toronto, Ont.

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October 17th, 1916

President W. C. Murray,

University of Saskatchewan.

My dear Murray:

In almost every case we appoint a head for a department. In French I did not nominate a head this last spring because I was not convinced that we had yet discovered the person who is capable of handling the situation.

The duties of the head are rather indefinite. In the scientific departments he is in control of and held responsible for his laboratory; through him all orders are made. He speaks for the department in the matter of courses, though these are almost always considered in the committee of the department itself, which consists of the teaching staff. I always consult the head with regard to appointments in the staff, and only on rare occasions have I objected to his nominations, though once or twice junior members have come to me and asked for more consideration than the head has given them. In such a case I have invariably consulted with the head before taking my own action.

On the whole I think that this departmental system works well, though I can understand that in certain departments where there are a number of men of almost equal rank a chairmanship might be an improvement, if the chairmanship were to go round. On the other hand there are not so many men who know much about administration. If you get a good head for your department he relieves you of many difficulties.

Our numbers are very small. In Applied Science only 180 and four or five years ago we had 780. In University College some 575, of whom 375 are women. Medicine is keeping up very well but there also there is an increasing attendance of women.

I will write you later. With kind regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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University of Saskatchewan

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

November 25th, 1916.

Dear Mr. President,

Your letter of the 14th has been received with the news.

I am sending you a copy of a draft of reasons for the urgency of the decision made by the Winnipeg Assembly. I don't know whether it is any good or not. I am also sending you a copy of another article on why we want church union which I am sending to Bruce Taylor of Montreal. They are very scrappy, and should be worked up in a different way, but one has not the time to do it properly.

I quite sympathize with your feeling with regard to the demands that the union question is making upon you, but since you took the convenership the whole movement has been put on a better basis and the public has greater confidence in the determination of the Committee to see things through. I really think that union, notwithstanding the convocation, has made decided

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progress within the last three or four months. Hanson's action, Bruce Taylor's and Sedgwick's and Drummond's are significant. Things are fairly quiet here.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

W. Murray

President Falconer,
The University,
Toronto.

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November 27th, 1916

President J. C. Barrow,

University of Washington.

My dear Barrow:

A number of petitions in favor of different party affiliations, most of them sincere comments with the recent [illegible] movement, have grown out of a determination of which I am profoundly sorry. I think that the time has come for directly opposite to the new conditions in which the war has placed us. We are not committed to any definite solution of the Mexican problem, it is true there is great property of opinion in our party as to how this solution should be attained, but we wish to draw public attention to the problem. We are therefore issuing a non-partisan petition in different cities of the country in which this resolution [illegible] we are in sympathy with its purposes, the vice chairman will call in the cause with whatever aid we may render our party.

Very sincerely,

President.

November 20th, 1919

President L. P. Harris,

University of Saskatchewan.

My dear Harris:

I neglected to say yesterday that five or six are would be all that we should want from Saskatoon. Also, would you please mention to all those who are sent we plan to keep the memorandum [illegible] as we do not it may not be issued until [illegible] letter of [illegible] has been received.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

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University of Saskatchewan

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

December 13th, 1916.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Dear President Falconer,

I am forwarding a bill to the University for dues to the Conference of Canadian Universities. I am making it out at $60, the maximum. Possibly we should not ask you to pay for the faculties of Agriculture and Law. If so, kindly forward a bill to Guelph for $10 and one to Osgood Hall for $10. For this purpose I am enclosing two blanks.

Sincerely yours,

Walter C. Murray

per B.

President Falconer,

University of Toronto,

Toronto, Ont.

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December 18th, 1916

President A. C. Murray,

University of Saskatchewan,

Saskatoon.

My dear Murray:

I am writing to the Principal of Osgoode Hall and to Creelman asking them to appoint representatives to the Universities' Conference for next May and also to forward a contribution of $10 each.

I do not think that in the University of Toronto we should have more than five representatives as Engineering and Medicine are the only two faculties which we have. The federated colleges, I assume, send their own representatives and pay for them.

I neglected to have the amount placed in the estimates last June, but I will bring the matter up at the first meeting of the Board after the New Year.

I have not yet had time to read through the minutes nor have I yet drawn up the memorandum with regard to the recognition of our degrees for graduate work in the British and French Universities. This I hope to get at during the coming fortnight.

I called on Dr. Roche about two months ago with regard to the Chinese question. Dean Adams has also seen him and we hope that we may have a favourable reply.

The other matters can stand over till I see you in January. I hope that you will be able to spend a few days with us at that time. Of course you will come straight to our house. With kind regards and best wishes of the season to Mrs. Murray and the family,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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January 15th, 1917

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear [illegible]:

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

A.

1. Are the full time members of your staff permitted to engage in work outside their regular duties for private parties?

(a) research work

(b) other work.

2. If so, have you adopted any regulations governing the matter?

3. What provision is made for the disposition of fees or income derived from such work.

4. Do you draw any distinction between routine work of an analytical or other character and work demanding expert knowledge and skill of a high order?

5. Have the members of your staff the right to parent in their own name any discoveries or inventions made by them during investigations conducted in the University and with the University's equipment?

B. The Sabbatical Year.

1. Have you a system of granting to members of your staff leave of absence with, without, or with partial pay after a certain period of service?

2. If so, would you kindly outline your system?

3. What is your opinion of the value of such a system?

4. About how much does it cost the University for each person absent on leave?

C. Travelling Allowances.

1. Have you a system of granting allowances to members of your staff attending meetings of scientific or similar associations?

2. If so, would you kindly outline your system?

3. What is your opinion of the value of such a system?

4. How much per individual do you expend for this purpose?

January 15th, 1917

A.

1. Members of our staff have been permitted to do private work of both kinds that you mention to a limited extent, the chief provisio being that it shall not interfere with the full performance of their duties. We find this to be advantageous especially in the Faculty of Applied Science.

2. All fees for such work go to the professors, but all expense incurred by the University for such work is to be met by the professor.

1. [illegible]

. [illegible]

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1. Such a system has been inaugurated in this University.

. Leave of absence is granted on application after seven years of [illegible]. [illegible] of ten years of service, and in these- [illegible] two-thirds [illegible]. After twenty-one years of service we have given leave for a year with full pay.

. In the case of younger men I believe that it is an advantage to them to be absent for a year. In the case of older men it is at least a rest, and they have come back with new vigour. In fact some of them use the time for publishing.

4. This system of interchange [illegible]. Occasionally by interchange of work with the Colleges it has cost the University very little, and as a rule it does not cost as much as the professor on leave receives.

C.

1. Yes.

2. [illegible] control of the President, [illegible] entirely, [illegible] discretion.

3. By experience leads me to approve of the plans.

4. Naturally this [illegible] location of the centers, and the response of the people are [illegible]. [illegible] the Greek Central for most metropolitan centers in the United States [illegible] a main alliance and [illegible] more [illegible]. [illegible] a requirement to [illegible] of [illegible] treatment that any relative [illegible] may receive.

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January 7th, 1917

[illegible] L. Duffy,

[illegible] of Chemistry.

My dear Duffy:

[illegible] your letter. I get [illegible] memorandum yesterday which Dr. Kinney gave me from Austin with [illegible] signatures on it. [illegible] in the order in the end of next week.

[illegible],

Yours sincerely,

President.

February 21st, 1917

President A. L. [illegible],

[illegible] of Terrestrevel.

My dear Mr. [illegible]:

[illegible] President of the Royal Society [illegible] and communicable [illegible]

[illegible] just were [illegible] last date of Chas.

Very sincerely,

President.

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March 2nd, 1917

President A. C. Murray,

University of Saskatchewan,

Saskatoon.

My dear Murray:

I am glad that you thought of having the Governor-General at a lunch. It had occurred to me also that we should invite him, though I was thinking of the dinner at night. If, however, you think that we should arrange for a lunch let me know, and the Executive can arrange for it.

Who should ask the Governor-General ? Will you write him as Secretary, or should I write to him as the presiding officer of the Conference ?

If we decide to come we should have to get a price from the Chateau and let the other representatives know in time. I suppose we could have him on the 21th. The Royal Society meets on the 21th and I will write to Duncan Scott the Secretary of the Royal Society to find whether our holding a luncheon on the Thursday would clash with any of their arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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March 8th, 1917

President Murray,

University of Saskatchewan.

My dear Murray:

I am sending you a letter from Scott, the Secretary of the Royal Society. I am written to him telling him our plans, saying that there would be no objection. It seems to me that his suggestions is an admirable one. Do you not think that we might tell it him that it ?

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 7th, 1917

President R. C. Murray,

University of Saskatchewan.

My dear Murray:

You will before this have received from the Secretary of the Round Table some resolutions, similar to that which you signed, asking you to be kind enough to secure as many signatures as possible. The purpose of the Round Table is, you know, to educate public opinion, to have it very widely spread in order that such action may be taken with regard to a conference.

Yours sincerely,

President.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatoon, Sask.,

March 9th, 1917.

Dear Falconer,

The suggestion about the joint dinner of the Royal Society and the Universities' Conference is an excellent one.

Since it is to be held on Wednesday evening, we should at once send out notices to all the universities so that they will be able to make arrangements to be present.

As soon as you have decided upon the matter, I will send out circular letters to all the presidents to this effect.

Sincerely yours,

Walter C. Murray

President R. A. Falconer,

University of Toronto,

Toronto.

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March 13th, 1917

President A. C. Murray,

University of Saskatchewan.

My dear Murray:

I am glad that you agree with the suggestion of a joint dinner of the Royal Society and the Universities' Conference. Seeing that it meets with your approval will you please send out notices to the members of the Universities so that they may make arrangements to be present that night. I have told Mr. Scott, the Secretary of the Royal Society that you agree to it and that he may count upon our having a share in the dinner. The more I think of it the more it seems to me to be a most fortunate proposal.

Probably when they invite the Pope a joint invitation should go from the Royal Society and the Universities.

Yours sincerely,

President.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

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Saskatoon, Sask.,

March 17th, 1917.

Dear Sir,

It has been proposed that the members of the Conference of Canadian Universities join with the members of the Royal Society in their dinner to be given in the evening of May 23rd at the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa. It is hoped that the Governor General will be present.

It is desirable that the members attending the Conference should be present at the dinner. It is also proposed that the committee meetings be held on the 23rd or early in the morning of the 24th.

Sincerely yours,

Walter C. Murray

per B

To the members of the

Conference of Canadian Universities.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatoon, Sask.,

March 29th, 1917.

Dear Falconer,

Just a note. I do not expect to be down in Ottawa next month. Do you think it necessary for us to make any more definite arrangements with the Chateau Laurier about the dinner? That will be attended to, I presume, by the Royal Society.

We should secure a room in the Chateau for our meeting. There is a very suitable room, large and confortable whcih has been used for similar gatherings.

I wish some information about the payment made by your University to members of the staff who are assisting in the Summer School, about what sums are given and for how much service. That matter has come up here.

Sincerely yours,

W. Murray

President R.A. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

April 3rd, 1947

President A. C. Murray,

University of Saskatchewan.

My dear Murray:

If you will let me know how many of the university delegates you feel it is at the stage I will write to Scott of the Royal Society and have [illegible] arrangements, and ask him at the same time if possible all I have to say that the Universities' Conference ought to join in the invitation and that on behalf of the Conference I will give them [illegible] to be present.

[illegible] I will [illegible] it. I suppose that we cannot get out [illegible].

I met Walter Gifford, President of the Drexel Institute in New York and I have spoken to you about him. He is Chairman of the Advisory Committee of Dillon's Council on National Defence and he would like [illegible] some of our meetings in Ottawa. I assured him that we would be glad to see him, and he will certainly address us on the steps that are being taken for [illegible] and other educational matters in the United States arising out of the present situation, which would prove to be interesting.

I am sending you herewith the information that you are [illegible] about the payment of the staff in the Summer Session and the amount of service they give.

I am just back from New York where I was addressing
our Alumni. It was, as you may imagine, a most interesting visit.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatoon, Sask.,

April 7th, 1917.

Dear President Falconer,

It is very difficult to secure at present the number of delegates who will be at the dinner.

I am sending out a circular, however, and as soon as I can get the information, I will forward it to you.

Sincerely yours,

Walter C. Murray

WCM/B.

President Falconer,

University of Toronto,

Toronto, Ont.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

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Saskatoon, Sask.,

April 7th, 1917.

Dear Sir,

I would esteem it a very great favour if you could send me the number of delegates from your University who would be able to attend the dinner given by the Conference and the Royal Society on May 23rd in Ottawa.

I cannot yet tell you the price, but we are anxious to secure as early as possible the number of those likely to be present.

Sincerely yours,

Walter C. Murray

per B.

The President
Dean Clarke
Dean Ellis
Principal Hutton

April 13th, 1917

President W. C. Murray,

University of Saskatchewan.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by President to inform you that the four representatives of the University of Toronto to Universities' Conference expect to be present at the Dinner given by the Royal Society and the Conference on May 23rd. Their names are:

President P. A. Falconer

Dean C. K. Clarke

Dean W. P. Ellis

Principal Maurice Hutton.

Yours sincerely,

President's Secretary.

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June 2nd, 1917

Private and Confidential.

President W. C. Murray,

Care of Bank of Nova Scotia,

Sussex, N.B.

My dear Murray:

An application was made by Mr. C. W. Rife, B.A., for a Fellowship in Economics and History. Would you be kind enough to write to me your opinion of Mr. Rife's qualifications for such a Fellowship ? I may say that we have a number of applications from all over the Dominion and we must be careful to do the best we can with the few fellowships that are at our disposal.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.